

Claims

1. A method for adjusting the frequency of a local oscillator, comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a television signal;
 - determining a first value from said television signal; and
 - replacing a second value stored in a memory with said first value.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of replacing said second value with said first value is performed only in response to said first value being different than said second value.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of replacing said second value with said first value is performed only in response to said first value being greater than 15 parts per million different than said second value.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of replacing said second value with said first value is performed only in response to said first value being greater than 0.0015% different than said second value.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of determining a first value from said television signal comprises the steps of:
 - receiving a first data packet;
 - receiving a second data packet;
 - determining a difference between the information received in said first data packet and the information in said second data packet;
 - and
 - determining said first value in response to said difference.
6. The method of claim 5 wherein the information received in said first data packet and said second data packet are time references.
7. An apparatus comprising:
 - a memory for storing a first oscillator parameter;
 - an input for receiving a television signal comprising time reference data; and

a processing means for determining a second oscillator parameter in response to said time reference data and storing said second oscillator parameter in said memory.

8. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said processor replaces said first oscillator parameter with said second oscillator parameter in response to said second oscillator parameter being different than said first oscillator parameter.
9. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said processor replaces said first oscillator parameter with said second oscillator parameter in response to when said second oscillator parameter being greater than 0.0015% different than said first oscillator parameter.
10. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said processor replaces said first oscillator parameter with said second oscillator parameter in response to said second oscillator parameter being greater than 15 parts per million different than said first oscillator parameter.
11. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said first oscillator parameter and said second oscillator parameter is a bit rate multiplier value.
12. A method for updating a digital video signal processor parameter comprising a processing means for:
 - extracting a first time stamp from a first data packet,
 - extracting a second time stamp from a second data packet;
 - determining the time interval between the first time stamp and the second time stamp;
 - calculating a video signal processor parameter based on said time interval;
 - replacing a stored video signal processor parameter with said video signal processor parameter.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein said stored video signal processor parameter is replaced with said video signal processor parameter only

in response to said video signal processor parameter being different than said stored video signal processor parameter.

14. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said stored video signal processor parameter is replaced with said video signal processor parameter only in response to said video signal processor parameter being greater than 0.0015% different than said stored video signal processor parameter.
15. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said stored video signal processor parameter is replaced with said video signal processor parameter only when said video signal processor parameter is greater than 15 parts per million different than said stored video signal processor parameter.